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For : WIRING CONNECTION DEVICE
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT CANCELLING CLAIMS

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee in the above-identified application, kindly enter the following:

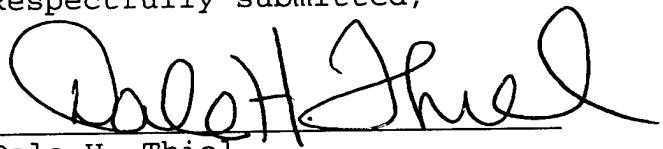
IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend Claims 7 and 8 as indicated on the attached replacement pages. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.121, a marked-up version of Claims 7 and 8 is also attached to show the changes made by this amendment.

REMARKS

This amendment cancels claim(s) to reduce the filing fee. Please enter this amendment before calculating the filing fee.

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Encl: Replacement pages with amended Claims 7 and 8
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